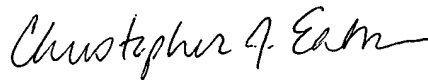


Remarks/Arguments

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.116(b), applicant requests the timely entry of the above amendment, which includes the withdrawal of all claims except claim 22. The November 11, 2003 action indicated that claim 22 was in allowable form, and, therefore, it is submitted that entry of the above amendment will place the application in condition for allowance. Thus, applicant respectfully requests that the above amendment be entered and that the application receive a timely Notice of Allowance.

Should any unresolved issues remain, please feel free to contact the undersigned at the phone number listed below. Applicant has filed herewith a Petition for Extension of Time with the applicable fee and believe that no other fee is required. If, however, it is found that any additional fee is necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any amount associated with this amendment to Deposit Account No. 19-2112.

Respectfully submitted,



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